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Office Action Summary

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Susan Y. Chen

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4,7-9,11,12 and 14-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1,3,4,7-9,11,12 and 14-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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Response to Amendment

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on June 6, 2005 has been entered.

Claims 1, 3-4, 7-9, 11-12 and 14-20, are pending for examination, claims 9 and 11 have been amended, claims 2, 5-6, 10 and 13 have been canceled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 3-4, 7-9, 11-12 and 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Seder et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,522,770).

As to claims 1, 3-4, 7, Seder discloses a network assembly processing system, comprising:

a) a reference repository [e.g., the database 18, Fig. 1 and associated texts], wherein, the reference repository receives the electronic file from the communication network including Internet [e.g., the XYZ network at col. 7, lines 42-52] and stores the characteristic information associated with the electronic file [e.g., col. 3, lines 6-9, 32-34]. Seder further discloses that the electronic file comprises published material [e.g., paper documents at col. 1, line 12; col. 6, lines 17-20].

b) an indexing unit [e.g., the database 18 at col. 5, lines 5-14; the watermark payload, col. 6, lines 41-45] linked with the reference repository, wherein, the indexing unit assigns an identification code [e.g., a mark, col. 2, line 15-18] to the electronic file respect to the associated characteristic data [e.g., col. 2, lines 39-65];

c) an editing unit linked with the reference repository and the indexing unit, wherein, the editing unit insert the identification code to the electronic file [e.g., the Microsoft Word, col. 3, lines 22-38, col. 4, lines 8-27].

As to claim 8, except all the restrictions cited in claim 7, Seder further discloses that the system stores the identification code with respect the characteristic information [e.g., col. 3, line 6-38].

As to claim 12, except all the restrictions cited in claim 1, Seder further discloses that the system comprises a review unit linked with the indexing unit wherein the review unit dispatches the formatted electronic file from the network assembly [e.g., the printer driver monitor at col. 4, lines 32-40].

As to claim 14, except all the restrictions cited in claim 12, Seder further discloses that the review unit dispatches the formatted electronic file from the network assembly to a client [e.g., col. 4, lines 41 – 53].

As to claims 15-20, these claims recited the same features as claims 1, 3-4, 7-8, 12 and 14, hence are rejected for the same reason.

As to claim 9, Seder discloses a network assembly processing system as claimed, comprising:

a) a reference repository [e.g., the database 18, Fig. 1 and associated texts] wherein the reference repository receives an electronic file from a communication network [e.g., the XYZ network at col. 7, lines 42-52] and stores characteristic information associated with the electronic file for use in inserting a library specific identification code on the electronic file [e.g., col. 3, lines 6-38; the Microsoft Word, col. 4, lines 8-27];

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b) an indexing unit [e.g., the database 18 at col. 5, lines 5-14; the watermark payload, col. 6, lines 41-45] linked with the reference repository, wherein the indexing unit assigns an identification code to the electronic file [e.g., a mark, col. 2, line 15-18] wherein the identification code comprises a library specific identification code for procedures used by a specific library and the indexing unit assigns the library specific identification code to the electronic file with respect to the characteristic information [e.g., col. 2, lines 39-65; col. 3, lines 22-38];

c) an editing unit linked with the reference repository and the indexing unit wherein the editing unit inserts the library specific identification code to the electronic file [e.g., the Microsoft Word, col. 3, lines 22-38, col. 4, lines 8-27].

As to claim 11, except all the restrictions cited in claim 9, Seder further discloses that the editing unit formats the identification code with respect to the electronic file [e.g., col. 4, lines 18-31; col. 4, line 55 – col. 5, line 5].

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3-4, 7-9, 11-12 and 14-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

To expedite the process of re-examination, the examiner requests that all future correspondences in regard to overcoming prior art rejections or other issues (e.g. 35

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U.S.C. 112) set forth by the Examiner prior to the office action, that applicant should provide and link to the most specific page and line numbers of the disclosure where best support is found (see 35 U.S.C. 132).

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Inohara et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,385,606) which discloses a file system storing a relation between a conversion originating file and a conversion destination file, and synchronously with an issue of a file operation API;

Sawyer (U.S. Patent No. 4,717,971) which discloses a editing method for a collection of video still pictures.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Susan Y. Chen whose telephone number is 571-272-4016. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on 571-272-4023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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